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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please Note: For convenience, a copy of all pending claims is provided. Claims not being amended herein are in smaller font.

Please **REPLACE** Claims 1-11, 14, 19-22, 25 and 44-49 as follows:

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1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for pricing a travel product, comprising the steps of:
obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;
obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;
identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
determining a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
determining a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range.
 2. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first price is determined by discounting an established price.
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3. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first price is determined by scoring said first flexibility range to obtain a score and using said score to determine a percentage discount off of an established price.
 4. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first price is determined by scoring said first flexibility range to obtain a score and using said score to determine a monetary discount off of an established price.
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5. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first price is proportional to said first flexibility range.

6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first flexibility range is specified in terms of a preferred travel product and a set of tolerances for at least one variable component of said travel product.

7. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first flexibility range is specified in terms of a minimum and maximum value for at least one variable component of said travel product.

B1 cont 8. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first flexibility range includes acceptable times and dates.

9. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first flexibility range includes a desired level of service.

10. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first flexibility range includes an acceptable location assignment for a travel product.

11. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said first price is determined by multiplying a wholesale price by a predefined value.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said identified travel product has a price not greater than a maximum price identified by said customer.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying step identifies a travel product other than a preferred travel product identified by said customer.

B2 14. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said identified travel product is selected randomly from a set of travel products satisfying said first flexibility range.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying step further comprises the step of selecting said identified travel product based on revenue management information.

16. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a voucher to said customer to enable the purchase of one of said identified travel products.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of recording identifying information about said voucher.

18. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of charging a penalty to said customer if said customer fails to purchase said identified travel product.

19. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for pricing a travel product, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;

obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;

identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;

determining a first price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and

determining a second price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said second flexibility range.

20. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein said first price is determined by determining a percentage discount off of an established price.

21. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein said first price is determined by determining a monetary discount off of an established price.

22. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein said first price is proportional to said first flexibility range.

23. The method of claim 19, wherein said identified travel product has a price not greater than a maximum price identified by said customer.

24. The method of claim 19, wherein said identifying step identifies a travel product other than a preferred travel product identified by said customer.

B4 25. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein said identified travel product is selected randomly from a set of travel products satisfying said first flexibility range.

26. The method of claim 19, wherein said identifying step further comprises the step of selecting said identified travel product based on revenue management information.

27. The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of charging a penalty to said customer if said customer fails to purchase said identified travel product.

B5 44. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for pricing a travel product, comprising:
a memory for storing computer-readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:
obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;
obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;
identify at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
determine a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
determine a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range.

45. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for pricing a travel product, comprising:
means for obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;
means for obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;
means for identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
means for determining a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
means for determining a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range.

46. (TWICE AMENDED) An article of manufacture for processing the sale of a product comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

- a step to obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;
- a step to obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;
- a step to identify at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
- a step to determine a first price for sale of said identified travel product based on said first flexibility range; and
- a step to determine a second price for sale of said identified travel product based on said second flexibility range.

47. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for pricing a travel product, comprising:

a memory for storing computer-readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

- obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;
- obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;
- identify at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
- determine a first price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and
- determine a second price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said second flexibility range.

48. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for pricing a travel product, comprising:

- means for obtaining a first flexibility range from a first customer;
- means for obtaining a second flexibility range from a second customer;
- means for identifying at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;
- means for determining a first price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and
- means for determining a second price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said second flexibility range.

49. (TWICE AMENDED) An article of manufacture for processing the sale of a product comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to obtain a first flexibility range from a first customer;

a step to obtain a second flexibility range from a second customer;

a step to identify at least one travel product that satisfies said first flexibility range and said second flexibility range;

a step to determine a first price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said first flexibility range; and

a step to determine a second price for sale of said at least one identified travel product based on a number of said identified travel products satisfying said second flexibility range.

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